

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nishida et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0127408 ("Nishida"), in view of Kumazawa et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,472,798 ("Kumazawa").

In the final Office Action dated August 8, 2006, the Examiner stated that the Declaration of Yuki Hongo filed on June 9, 2006 does not compare the composition for the high refractive index layer containing an equal concentration of ATO and ITO.

Applicants submit herewith another Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 executed by Mr. Yuki Hongo with additional experimental data that was not previously considered to overcome the § 103 rejection over Nishida in view of Kumazawa. The Rule 132 Declaration submitted herewith includes examples showing that an ATO containing composition for the high refractive index layer provides superior adhesion between the high refractive index layer and the low refractive index layer and superior transmittance as compared to an ITO containing composition for the high refractive index as compared with Nishida and Kumazawa. The Declaration provides a comparison of an index layer containing an equal concentration of ATO and ITO.

In view of the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, Applicants submit that the claimed invention would not be obvious over Nishida and Kumazawa. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

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Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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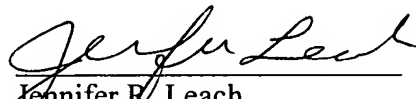
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